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RESPONSE

MS Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, the following is provided.

The present application has pending claims 13-15.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kisor (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,091) in view of Mayo (U.S. Patent No. 5,751,965); claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kisor in view of Chou (U.S. Patent No. 5,902,352); and claim 15 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kisor in view of Behm (U.S. Patent No. 5,414,845). These rejections are traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as clearly recited in claims 13-15 are not taught or suggested by Kisor, Mayo, Chou and Behm whether taken